



U.S. Mission Monrovia

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT NUMBER: 16-05

OPEN TO: U.S. Citizen Eligible Family Members (USEFMs) - All Agencies

POSITION: ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT, FP-07

OPENING DATE: February 22, 2016

CLOSING DATE: March 7, 2016

WORK HOURS: Full-time, 40 hours/week

SALARY: Not-Ordinarily Resident (NOR): FP-7*
*Final grade/step for NORs will be determined by Washington.

ALL ORDINARILY RESIDENT (OR) APPLICANTS (See Appendix A for definition) MUST HAVE THE REQUIRED WORK AND/OR RESIDENCY PERMITS TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR CONSIDERATION.

The U.S. Mission in Monrovia is seeking eligible and qualified applicants for the position of **Administrative Assistant**.

BASIC FUNCTION OF POSITION

The incumbent provides administrative support to two sections - the Political/Economic (Pol/Econ) Section and the International Narcotics and Law Enforcement (INL) Section. The incumbent will be supervised and reviewed by the Pol/Econ Counselor.

MAJOR DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

The incumbent provides administrative support to two sections - the Political/Economic (Pol/Econ) Section (Pol/Econ Counselor + 4 Officers) and the International Narcotics and Law Enforcement (INL) Section (INL Director + 2 INL Staffers).

Responsible for carrying out administrative matters on behalf of the Section; maintains the calendars of the officers, keeping them abreast of changes; submits/follows up on e-service and ILMS requests; maintains filing systems based on the Department of State's record management procedures; coordinates domestic and international travel of section members; compiles briefing material for meetings as needed; assists in the planning/coordination of representational events.

Prepares and maintains time and attendance, and travel voucher and representative vouchers for the Section; coordinates financial and administrative data calls, consolidating Section input for review and approval.

Adheres to Department of State regulations on the handling and control of classified material; performs assigned duties in support of the Leahy Vetting Coordinator and vetting process.

The incumbent screens and earmarks cable traffic requiring action for the Political and Economic Officers; follows-up to ensure that action has been taken on action items; prepares/drafts cables, demarches and correspondence, as appropriate, transmitting to the appropriate government official; appropriately handles diplomatic correspondence from state-side VIP officials to local VIP officials.

Coordinates logistics for visitors, as appropriate, assuring appropriate reception of all visitors; coordinates all aspects of high-level visits in coordination with the Control Officer; approves country clearance cables using Electronic Country Clearance with approval from the Pol/Econ Counselor.

Coordinates the flow of work and requirements of the Section. Updates and maintains the computer system, shared drives and pertinent web pages; maintains the references and libraries; performs note-taking in meetings, as appropriate.

Incumbent is also designated as back-up for the Executive Office and Regional Security Office (RSO) as needed.

QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED

Applicants must address each required qualification listed below with specific and comprehensive information supporting each item. Failure to do so may result in a determination that the applicant is not qualified.

1. Completion of secondary school and associate degree program are required.
2. Two years' experience in administrative management work is required; or with five years' experience in administrative management work, completion of secondary school will meet the requirement.
3. Level IV English ability (fluency reading and writing) is required.
4. Must have good knowledge of clerical and administrative processes of the office procedures, and strong understanding of protocol. **(This will be tested.)**
5. Excellent organizational skills are required. Must be able to exercise sound judgment. Advanced computer skills, to include Microsoft applications are required. Must be able to communicate effectively at all levels. Must be a U.S. citizen, and be able to obtain and maintain a Top Security Clearance.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: The complete position description listing all of the duties and responsibilities may be obtained by contacting the Human Resources Office (231) 776-777211)

SELECTION PROCESS: When qualified, applicants who are U.S. Citizen Eligible Family Members (USEFMs) and/or preference-eligible U.S. Veterans are given a preference in hiring. Therefore, it is essential that these applicants make themselves known as having a hiring preference and specifically address the required qualifications above in their application.

HIRING PREFERENCE ORDER:

- (1) USEFM who is ALSO a preference-eligible U.S. Veteran**
- (2) USEFM OR a preference-eligible U.S. Veteran**
- (3) FS on LWOP**

ADDITIONAL SELECTION CRITERIA:

1. Management may consider the following when determining successful candidacy: nepotism, conflicts of interest, budget, and residency status.
2. Current OR employees serving a probationary period are not eligible to apply. Current OR employees with an Overall Summary Rating of Needs Improvement or Unsatisfactory on their most recent Employee Performance Report (EPR) are not eligible to apply.
3. Current NOR employees hired on a Family Member Appointment (FMA) or a Personal Service Agreement (PSA) are not eligible to apply within the first 90 calendar days of their employment, unless they have a When Actually Employed (WAE) work schedule.
4. The candidate must be able to obtain and hold a (Secret) security clearance.
5. Candidates who are EFM, USEFM, AEFM, or MOH must have at least one year remaining on their sponsor's tour of duty to be considered eligible to apply for this position.

HOW TO APPLY: Applicants must submit the following documents to be considered:

1. Universal Application for Employment (UAE) (Form DS-174), which is available on our website or by contacting Human Resources. (See "For Further Information" above); and
2. Any additional documentation that supports or addresses the requirements listed above (e.g. transcripts, degrees, work and residency permits etc.)

IMPORTANT: Applicants claiming a U.S. Veteran's preference must submit written documentation confirming eligibility (e.g., Member Copy 4 of Form DD-214, Letter from the Veteran's Administration, or certification documenting eligibility under the VOW Act with an expected discharge no later than 120 days after the certification is submitted) by the closing date of the vacancy announcement. If the written documentation confirming eligibility is not received in the HR office by the closing date of the vacancy announcement, the U.S. Veteran's preference will not be considered in the application process. Specific criteria for receiving a U.S. Veteran's preference may be found in HR/OE's Family Member Employment Policy (FMEP).

WHERE TO APPLY:

Human Resources Office

Attention: **Administrative Assistant**

American Embassy

P. O. Box 98

1000 Monrovia 10 Liberia

Or Email to RecruitmentMonrovia@state.gov

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY: The U.S. Mission provides equal opportunity and fair and equitable treatment in employment to all people without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, political affiliation, marital status, or sexual orientation. The Department of State also strives to achieve equal employment opportunity in all personnel operations through continuing diversity enhancement programs. The EEO complaint procedure is not available to individuals who believe they have been denied equal opportunity based upon marital status or political affiliation. Individuals with such complaints should avail themselves of the appropriate grievance procedures, remedies for prohibited personnel practices, and/or courts for relief.

Appendix A - DEFINITIONS

Eligible Family Member (EFM): An EFM for employment purposes is defined an individual who meets **all** of the following criteria:

- U.S. Citizen or not a U.S. Citizen; **and**
- Spouse or same-sex domestic partner (as defined in 3 FAM 1610); **or**
- Child, who is unmarried and under 21 years of age or, regardless of age, is incapable of self-support. The term “child” shall include, in addition to natural offspring, stepchild, adopted child, and a child under legal guardianship of employee, spouse, or same-sex domestic partner when such child is expected to be under legal guardianship until 21 years of age and when dependent upon and normally residing with the guardian; **or**
- Parent (including stepparents and legally adoptive parents) of employee, spouse, or same-sex domestic partner, when such parent is at least 51 percent dependent on the employee for support; **or**
- Sister or brother (including stepsisters and stepbrothers, or adoptive sisters or brothers) of the employee, spouse, or same-sex domestic partner when such sibling is at least 51 percent dependent on the employee for support, unmarried, and under 21 years of age, or regardless of age, incapable of self-support; **and**
- Listed on the travel orders or approved Form OF-126 of a sponsoring employee, i.e., a direct-hire Foreign Service, Civil Service, or uniformed service member who is permanently assigned to or stationed abroad or, as appropriate, at an office of the American Institute in Taiwan; **and**
- Is under chief of mission authority.

U.S. Citizen Eligible Family Member (USEFM): A USEFM is an individual who meets **all** of the following criteria:

- U.S. Citizen; **and**
- Spouse or same-sex domestic partner (as defined in 3 FAM 1610) of the sponsoring employee; **or**
- Child of the sponsoring employee who is unmarried and at least 18 years old; **and**
- Listed on the travel orders or approved Form OF-126 of a sponsoring employee, i.e., a direct-hire Foreign Service, Civil Service, or uniformed service member who is permanently assigned to or stationed abroad or, as appropriate, at an office of the American Institute in Taiwan; and resides at the sponsoring employee's post of assignment abroad, or as appropriate, at an office of the American Institute in Taiwan; and is under chief of mission authority; **or**
- resides at an Involuntary Separate Maintenance Allowance (ISMA) location authorized under 3 FAM 3232.2; **or**
- Currently receives a U.S. Government retirement annuity or pension from a career in the U.S. Foreign Service or Civil Service.

Appointment Eligible Family Member (AEFM): An AEFM is an individual who meets **all** of the following criteria:

- U.S. Citizen; **and**
- Spouse or same-sex domestic partner (as defined in 3 FAM 1610) of the sponsoring employee; **or**
- Child of the sponsoring employee who is unmarried and at least 18 years old; **and**
- Listed on the travel orders or approved Form OF-126 of a sponsoring employee, i.e., a direct-hire Foreign Service, Civil Service, or uniformed service member who is permanently assigned to or stationed abroad or, as appropriate, at an office of the American Institute in Taiwan (AIT); **and**
- Is under chief of mission authority; **and**
- Is residing at the sponsoring employee's post of assignment abroad or, as appropriate, at an office of the American Institute in Taiwan; **and**
- Does NOT currently receive a U.S. Government retirement annuity or pension from a career in the U.S. Foreign Service or Civil Service.

Member of Household (MOH): A MOH is an individual who meets **all** of the following criteria.

- A MOH is someone who accompanies or joins a direct-hire Foreign Service, Civil Service, or uniformed service member permanently assigned to or stationed abroad or, as appropriate, at an office of the American Institute in Taiwan; and
- A MOH must be officially declared to the COM by the sponsoring employee as part of his/her household; and
- A MOH is under COM authority;
- A MOH may include a parent, unmarried partner, other relative, or adult child;
- A MOH may or may not be a U.S. Citizen;
- A MOH is **not** an EFM;
- A MOH is **not** listed on the travel orders or approved Form F-126 of a sponsoring employee.

Not Ordinarily Resident (NOR) – An individual who meets the following criteria:

- An EFM, USEFM or AEFM of a direct-hire Foreign Service, Civil Service, or uniformed service member permanently assigned or stationed abroad, or as appropriate, at an office of the American Institute in Taiwan; or
- Has diplomatic privileges and immunities; and
- Is eligible for compensation under the FS or GS salary schedule; and
- Has a U.S. Social Security Number (SSN); and
- Is not a citizen of the host country; and
- Does not ordinarily reside in the host country; and
- Is not subject to host country employment and tax laws.

Ordinarily Resident (OR) – An individual who meets the following criteria:

- A citizen of the host country; or
- A non-citizen of the host country (including a U.S. citizen or a third-country national) who is locally resident and has legal and/or permanent resident status within the host country and/or who is a holder of a non-diplomatic visa/work and/or residency permit; and/or
- Is subject to host country employment and tax laws.

CLOSING DATE FOR THIS POSITION: (March 7, 2016)

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